1	2	3	4	5
(b) For deposits for 1 year and above but less than 2 years	6.50	6.25	4.00	1.25
(c) For deposits for 2 years and above But less than 3 years	7.25	6.75	4.75	1.50
(d) For deposits for 3 years only	7.50	7.00	5.00	2.00

(c) In the context of the volatility in the money and foreign exchange market, a number of measures were taken by RBI since October, 1995 to augment the resources of the banking system and to improve the flows in the foreign exchange market. As part of this policy, several measures were taken to enhance the attractiveness of the deposit Schemes for Non-Resident Indian (NRIs) both to the depositors and to banks including higher rate of interest on Non-Resident External (NRE) deposits.

Signing of MOUs

2749. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Memorandum of Understandings signed in Maharashtra, Karnataka and West Bengal with foreign equity participation as on March 31, 1995, separately;

(b) the net investment made by NRIs and foreign companies in this regard; and

(c) the details of projects in which the investment has been made particularly in the field of power, heavy industry and petroleum sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). The information & details regarding MOUs signed by the State Governments & follow up action thereon are not available with the Central Government.

[Translation]

Upgradation of Technology for Small Scale Sector

2750. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether small scale sector requires the upgradation of technology presently being used by them and other assistance required so that in the field of export small scale sector can compete with domestic and foreign market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To facilitate upgradation and modernisation of technology, Government of India has set up Process and Product Development Centres (PPDCs), Tool Rooms, Testing Centres, etc. at places of clusters. These Institutes cater to the needs of the Industry concerning design, development and testing. A Technology Development and Modernisaton Fund with a corpus of Rs.200 crores has been set up in the SIDBI for financing the export oriented projects for modernisation and technology upgradation in the SSI Sector. This scheme has become operational with effect from 21.4.1995. To facilitate modernisation & transfer of technology, Govt. has also created Trust Fund operated through registered societies with the involvement of Non-Govt. Organisations (NGOs)/Associations.

To encourage the units in small scale sector to develop total quality management (TQM) to improve the quality of their products, Govt. of India as well as SIDBI are reimbursing the part cost of acquisition of ISI-9000 series certification.

Coal Distribution

2751. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal under their consideration pertaining to the coal distribution to the retail sellers of coal from Rajhara Coal Mines of C.C.L.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise, in view of reply given to (a) above.

[English]

Rehabilitation Industries Corporation

2752. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rehabiliation Industries